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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kenji MIKAMI ) : Examiner: Steven Y. Kau  
Application No.: 10/765,398 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: January 28, 2004 ) : Confirmation No.: 2551  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, ) :  
METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM :  
)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action, dated May 27, 2009, entering a final rejection in the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination with this Preliminary Amendment.

In response to the Office Action, the Examiner is requested to amend the application, as follows.